



Idaho Chemical Roundup Resources-Eastern Idaho

The following resources can assist your school in managing and disposing of laboratory chemicals.

State regulations and technical assistance

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

DEQ is the state agency responsible for oversight of federal environmental regulations such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. DEQ can assist schools by:

- ☐ Providing on-site pollution prevention assessments regarding best practices for classrooms.
- ☐ Providing compliance assistance visits to determine compliance with state environmental laws.
- ☐ Providing technical assistance by answering questions about waste management and disposal.

DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office (208) 528-2650 or www.deq.idaho.gov

Idaho Division of Building Safety

Administers safety and health standards for public schools, students, staff, and the public. The Division of Building Safety provides consultation services on safety and health standards and issues and safety training upon request.

Division of Building Safety (208) 334-3950 or <http://dbs.idaho.gov/school/index.html>

State Communications Center

Idaho's State Communications Center coordinates a 24-hour network of local emergency response professionals. The Center coordinates dispatching state resources to hazardous material emergencies. In case of a chemical emergency, such as discovery of an explosive or unstable chemical or an unmanageable chemical spill, call 911 and the State Communications Center.

State Communications Center (800) 632-8000

Inventory/waste disposal¹

The following companies provide hazardous waste management disposal services to eastern Idaho. Some will provide on-site inventory assistance and cost estimates for disposal free of charge. Others can provide an estimate based on your inventory. Packaging and disposal costs will vary depending on chemicals and school location, which can affect transport costs.

Environmental Management Solutions	(208) 895-0326
Onyx	(801) 294-7111
NW Parts Washer	(208) 237-8437
Safety Kleen	(208) 234-4002
Specialty Environmental Services	(208) 327-9977

National programs

U.S. EPA School Chemical Cleanout Campaign

The School Chemical Cleanout Campaign is designed to create a chemically safer school environment in which chemicals are purchased wisely, stored safely, handled by trained personnel, used responsibly, and disposed of properly. <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserve/clusters/schools/index.htm>.

¹ DEQ is providing this list as a public service only and does not certify or recommend any business or organization on the list.

National Microscale Chemistry Center

The National Microscale Chemistry Center (NMC2) was established to promote the use of microscale chemistry as a means of eliminating toxic waste at the source. <http://www.microscale.org/default.asp>.

National Small Scale Chemistry Center

The National Small Scale Chemistry Center provides resources to scale down chemical reagents to volumes and masses 1,000 times smaller than those used in traditional labs by using inexpensive plastic and polymer materials. www.smallscalechemistry.colostate.edu.

Other sites of interest

Lesson plans

Rehab the Lab is a King County Washington program to help local schools clean out their laboratories. Lesson plans for chemical free and less toxic science experiments can be found at: <http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/schoolyouth/rehab/labs.htm>.

Local Authorities

Lab chemicals may be considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly. Return unused chemicals to the vendor or deactivate chemicals hazards onsite. Dispose of chemicals and chemical wastes using a hazardous waste management company. Refer to list of companies on front of this fact sheet.

Schools that qualify as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQGs) may be able to dispose of some hazardous wastes and chemicals through a landfill with permission of the landfill operator. Note, many landfills and trash haulers have restrictions banning hazardous wastes. Prior to disposing of chemicals or lab specimens in a landfill, ensure your trash hauler and landfill will accept the waste.

Eastern Idaho Municipal Landfills/Transfer Stations

Bonneville County Landfills	(208) 529-1290	Fremont County Landfills	(208) 624-4502
Transfer Station	(208) 528-5550	Jefferson County Landfills	(208) 745-9224
Butte County Landfills	(208) 527-3364	Lemhi Landfill	(208) 756-6441
Clark County Transfer Station	(208) 374-5408	Madison County Transfer Station	(208) 356-3102
Custer County Transfer Stations	(208) 879-2110	Teton County Landfill	(208) 354-2932

CESQGs may also dispose of some wastes down the drain, but only if hooked into a special type of wastewater system known as a publicly owned treatment works (POTW). Note, not all wastewater systems are POTWs. Schools Bonneville, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton Counties should contact District Seven Health Department's Environmental Division at (208) 522-0310 to determine if they discharge water to a POTW and for POTW contact information. Schools in Butte County should contact Southeastern District Health's Environmental Division at (208) 233-9080. Prior to discharging any hazardous waste or chemical down a drain, you must receive permission from the POTW. Contact your city to find the number of the POTW and seek approval to discharge chemicals.

City Phone Numbers

Ammon	(208) 529-4211	Rexburg	(208) 359-3020
Arco	(208) 527-8294	Rigby	(208) 745-8111
Ashton	(208) 652-3987	Ririe	(208) 538-5548
Challis	(208) 879-2386	Roberts	(208) 228-3220
Driggs	(208) 354-2362	Salmon	(208) 756-3214
Idaho Falls	(208) 612-8415	St. Anthony	(208) 624-3494
Leadore	(208) 768-2612	Stanley	(208) 774-2286
Menan	(208) 754-8876	Sugar City	(208) 356-7561